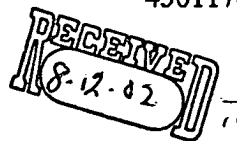


**Official**PATENT  
450117-4642**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please replace the abstract with the following new abstract:

—Method and apparatus for allocating time slots in a time division duplex communication system. First and second types of time slots selected from receiving and transmitting type time slots are allocated as the first and second time slots, respectively, in a current frame. Based on an amount of information to be transferred, it is determined whether at least one time slot following the second time slot of the frame should be allocated as the first type of time slot, and if so, the last time slot of the frame is always allocated as the first type of time slot, whereby the last time slot of the frame and the first time slot of a succeeding frame are of the same type. If an additional time slot(s) is allocated for the second type of time slot, the third slot is always designated for the second type.--

**REMARKS**

In the telephone interview held on August 12, 2002 between Examiner Appiah and the Applicant's undersigned representative, the Examiner indicated that all claims appeared allowable; however, a new abstract and proposed drawing change to Fig. 5 were required. Accordingly, the present Supplemental Amendment replaces the original abstract with a new abstract. In addition, a proposed drawing change to Fig. 5 under separate cover accompanies this Supplemental Amendment.

In light of the foregoing, entry of this amendment, and the allowance of this application with Claims 15-28 are respectfully solicited.